

Response under 37 C.F.R. §1.116
Attorney Docket No. 020262
Serial No. 10/086,729

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 3-5 are rejected. Claims 1 and 3-5 are herein canceled. Claim 2, indicated by the Examiner as containing allowable subject matter, is herein amended to independent form including all the limitations of its parent claim. Applicants respectfully submit that this renders claim 2 allowable.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1, 3, and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Japanese Patent Publication 2000-353710 (Toshiba KK).

Applicants herein cancel claims 1 and 3-5, thus mooting the rejection.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §103

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Japanese Patent Publication 2000-353710 (Toshiba KK) in view of Wiesler et al.

Applicants herein cancel claim 4, thus mooting the rejection.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicants submit that claims 2 and 6, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to

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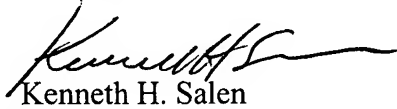
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expedite the disposition of this case.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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